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DEPT FROM RSO

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJEC: POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL, FRANKFURT

1. AS HAS BEEN WELL PUBLICIZED, THE GERMAN CRIMINAL POLICE (BKA/SG) RAIDED TWO APARTMENTS IN FRANKFURT AND HAMBURG LAST WEEK AND CLAIMED TO HAVE ARRESTED A LARGE NUMBER OF THE WELL KNOWN TERRORIST/ANARCHIST BAADER-MEINHOF GANG. SUBSEQUENT SEARCHES OF THESE APARTMENTS DISCOVERED A LIST OF PROMINENT GERMAN PERSONALITIES AND A NUMBER OF RANKING US MILITARY OFFICERS STATIONED IN FRANKFURT. INCLUDED ON THIS LIST WAS ALSO THE NAME OF ROBERT H. HARLAN (CONSUL GENERAL FRANKFURT) AND HIS HOME PHONE NUMBER.

2. GERMAN POLICE SOURCES HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO ASCERTAIN THE MEANING OF THE LIST, BUT BECAUSE THEY HAVE ARRESTED SUCH A LARGE NUMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION, THE POLICE FEEL THEY HAVE NEGATED ITS OPERATIONAL CAPABILITIES. US INTELLIGENCE SOURCE CONCURS IN GERMAN VIEW THAT THE THREAT IS MINIMAL BECAUSE OF THE POLICE ACTION. HOWEVER, FRANKFURT POLICE HAVE INCREASED PATROL COVERAGE IN THE AREA OF HARLAN'S RESIDENCE.

3. CONSUL GENERAL HARLAN HAS BEEN ADVISED OF RSO WILLINGNESS TO INCREASE HIS PERSONAL SECURITY IF HE DESIRES. IT IS RSO OPINION, CONFIDENTIAL

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WHICH THE CONSUL GENERAL SHARES, THAT THE PRESENT SITUATION

NEGATES SUCH ACTION AT THIS TIME, ALTHOUGH INCREASE ALERTNESS IS
BEING EXERCISED.

4. POST WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT ADVISED OF ANY SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS.
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